Appendix J: Definition of Obligation

If the obligation is for:	The obligation is made:
Acquisition of real or personal property	On the date on which the LEA makes a binding written commitment to acquire the property
Personal services by an employee of the LEA	When the services are performed
Personal services by a contractor who is not an employee of the LEA	On the date on which the LEA makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services
Performance of work other than personal services	On the date on which the LEA makes a binding written commitment to obtain the services
Public utility services	When the LEA receives the services
Travel	When the travel is taken
Rental of real or personal property	When the LEA uses the property